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LATEST TIDINGS FROM SPORTLAND

(Edited by Wagner)

WEINERT KNOCKS
JIM SAVAGE OUT
IN SLASHING BOUT

New York, Jan. 27.—Jim Savage, the heavyweight boxer of Orange, N. J., proved at the Pioneer Sporting club last night that he is one of the greatest men in the ring. For seven rounds he stood with unflinching courage and bulldog determination under an avalanche of hooks, jabs, swings and uppercuts, and gave up only when his second reluctantly threw a wet sponge into the ring as a token of defeat.

The bout was a one-sided affair, with Charlie Weinert of Newark inflicting most of the punishment. By the time the seventh round began, Savage's eyes were partly closed, his nose damaged and his lips cut.

As the bell sounded for the seventh, Weinert, just as fresh as when the battle began, rushed out of his corner and smashed Savage with a right to the jaw. Jim staggered for a moment and then fell to the floor. The crowd let out a wild yell, while Savage's second shouted for him to take the count of nine.

But poor Jim jumped up without even taking a count and rushed at Weinert. Charlie stepped in with a right uppercut and knocked him to a left to the jaw that drove Savage into a neutral corner. By this time Savage was nearly all in. However, he covered his face with his arms and then came the sensational ending.

Weinert took after Savage, flying him with both hands as fast as he could. Savage staggered across the ring like a drunken man, with Weinert following him mercilessly. Savage tried to lift his hands to defend himself, but he didn't have the strength.

Weinert let fly two more rights, but Jim failed to go down. By the time this time was out to ribbons and his eyes practically closed. Three women occupying box seats turned their backs on the scene. After Weinert counted the helpless Savage a few more times, they came out and hit him to the ring. At the same time Savage caved in and it was only the ropes that prevented him from flopping to the floor.

PITCHER SEATON
BOUGHT BY CUBS

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Tom Seaton, former pitcher of the Philadelphia Nationals and late of the Newark Federal League team, was sold yesterday by Harry F. Sinclair to Charles Weeghman. The amount that Weeghman will pay for Seaton is \$500.

The sale of the pitcher to the Cubs carries with it certain agreements, and Sinclair will not receive one penny of the money until Seaton has pitched for the Cubs. Seaton is still a great pitcher. As a member of the Philadelphia team he was looked upon as one of the best pitchers in the National League.

GOTCH PREPARES
TO DEFEND TILLE

(Worcester Post.)
Frank Gotch is going to return to the mat. The long-awaited word to that effect was passed along yesterday.

According to George Tuckey, and when Tuckey gives out a tip like that it comes pretty near being straight, the world's wrestling champion is going to get back into the game via the strenuous exhibition route.

Gotch has signed a contract to tour the western part of the country for 300 days with Jess Willard as a joint attraction, with the Sells-Floto circuit. He will probably give an exhibition but the act will be a 15-minute limit wrestling bout.

Whether Gotch will contract to wrestle a finish bout for the world's Championship will be decided later on. If he thinks that he is back in anywhere near his old form, Gotch may give consent to the making of a match with Joe Stecher.

PENN RELAY CARNIVAL
TO BE GREAT EVENT

The University of Pennsylvania A. A. have just sent out to the various colleges, their invitation letters to the relay carnival which takes place this year on Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29. Pennsylvania's relay carnival has come to be regarded as the greatest athletic meet of the year. Last April more than 40 colleges and over 250 schools attended this great relay of games. The entire country was represented both in the college and scholastic events. The meet was the greatest that has ever been seen in America.

Pennsylvania's one mile relay team made a new world's record of 3 min. 18 sec. Princeton's two mile team made a new college record of 7 min. 55-5 sec. A new record was made in the sprint and distance medley, by Pennsylvania and Yale respectively. Richards of Cornell won the high jump, clearing 6 ft. 5 in. Foss, of Cornell, and Newatetter, of Pennsylvania, cleared 12 ft. 10 in. in the pole vault, the greatest performance of the year in this event. Phillips, of Idaho University, made a new record in the javelin, while Ferguson, of Pennsylvania, created new figures in the 440 hurdles.

An unidentified vessel was reported in distress off Cape Race.

USE LYFORD BROTHERS BUTY
UNION LABEL PANTS
East Side and West End

CHARLES H. WEEGHMAN BUYS CONTROLLING
INTEREST IN CHICAGO NATIONAL LEAGUE CLUB

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Formal transfer of the Chicago (National League) baseball club from Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati to Charles H. Weeghman of Chicago was completed recently with the presentation of a certified check for \$500,000, the purchase price, by Mr. Weeghman to a representative of Mr. Taft. The announcement made by Charles Weeghman that among his names in the recently purchased and reorganized Chicago (National League) baseball club are J. Ogden Armour, William Wrigley, Jr., in addition to one or two other business men of great wealth, calls attention to the entry of fresh millions of backing into the big leagues within the last year. Four major league clubs have changed ownership in a little more than twelve months, and in every case the buyers are men who have made large fortunes in other lines of business and to whom baseball will always be more of a sport than of dollars and cents proposition. Yet these men have either made millions or increased fortunes left to them by ancestors, through shrewd business ability and up to date efficiency, and they will naturally expect that any club in which they have money invested will be conducted along the same lines. Photo shows Charles H. Weeghman, the new president of the Chicago club, on right, handing over a check for \$500,000 to J. G. Wakefield, representing Charles P. Taft, who is shown on left in picture.

TENNIS RANKS LIKELY TO
BE SPLIT BY NEW PROBLEM

Decision of McLoughlin and Bundy to Open Store Causes Trouble.

New York, Jan. 27.—All signs point to a split in the United States National Lawn Tennis association over the question of the amateur status of players who deal in lawn tennis supplies, unless there is a marked change of opinion on the part of either the eastern or western factions. Both camps have taken decided stands upon the point and the breach is widening daily.

The valued threat of the Pacific States Lawn Tennis association to break away from the National association and establish a rival organization has aroused considerable feeling among the members of the parent body and the coming annual meeting is likely to bring forth some frank expressions of opinion upon the subject. The controversy comes at a particularly inopportune time since the U. S. N. L. T. A. has gone on record as favoring the raising of the amateur standards as suggested by the recent conference of sport governing bodies in this city under the auspices of the I. C. A. A. A.

Fortunately tennis has reached a point in popular interest in this country where action of any group or even a national governing body will have little effect. If any, upon the game itself or the thousands of players who participate in the sport for the pleasure and exercise that it gives. Tournaments and tournament players will be the sufferers and a split will have the effect of curtailing the entire season of sport governing bodies in this city under the auspices of the I. C. A. A. A.

With the possibility of international or Davis Cup matches out of the question, for several years at least, the field is clear for a final threshing out of a question which would have to be answered within a few years at best. It is to be hoped that the status of the amateur and professional in tennis will be clearly defined before the next Davis Cup contest and in the mean time the tennis atmosphere will have been cleared without ill-effect upon the game and the thousands who play it without ulterior motives.

The delving into Yale football history by Walter Camp has uncovered a number of interesting features not the least of which is the use of signals by the Ill. eleven in the days of long ago. In commenting upon this work Henry B. Twombly, quarterback on the Yale teams of 1892 and 1893, writes to the Alumni Weekly on old Yale

MASKED MARVEL
TO MEET STECHER

It was definitely decided yesterday that Mort Henderson, known as the Masked Marvel, will be the opponent of Joe Stecher tonight in the catch-as-catch-can wrestling bout at Madison Square Garden.

The battle of words and court intrigues between C. Bachmann, who has Henderson under contract at a fixed salary, and Jack Curley, the promoter of the Garden bout, was settled peacefully and Bachmann has consented to the appearance of his protégé.

The bout tonight will be to a finish, best two in three falls. Stecher already has one victory over Henderson which he won in the West, and as he is prepared to take on any opponent who care to meet him tonight, he will try to put Henderson down in quick time.

Alexander Abert, the world's Graeco-Roman champion, yesterday chal-

lenged Stecher at the Graeco-Roman style, and offered to post a forfeit of \$1000 to throw Stecher in five minutes.

**CRACK YALE RUNNER
MAY BE BARRED BY
SCHOLARSHIP TROUBLES**
New York, Jan. 27.—There was a rumor current at Yale yesterday that M. B. Orr, star quarter-mile of the varsity relay team would be ineligible to compete on account of scholastic difficulties. It is understood that Trainer Johnny Mack was notified to this effect yesterday and that the suspension of this man from the track team may mean that Yale will not enter the Boston A. A. meet to be held Feb. 5.

However, it was not affirmed by the authorities and there may still be a chance for Orr to straighten out his troubles in time to enter the meet.

FURNERAL DESIGNS AND
BOUQUETS

JOHN C. O'CONNOR, SON.

JOE REGAN' OLD
BRIDGEPORT STAR,
SECURES FINE JOB

Local baseball fans remember Joe Regan, who played in the outfield for the Yale team in 1892, but he has apparently forgotten the signal given on the occasion of the first touchdown made by Yale against Princeton since 1877. As boys playing in the Boston streets, "cheese it" was our well-known signal to look out for "cops." When we were arranging signals in the fall of 1892, I remembered well the glee with which Doc Beck, our right tackle, and I fixed it up that when the signal "cheese it" was given, he was to drop back behind the line for a quick pass from the quarterback. After considerable play in the Princeton game at the old Polo Grounds on November 20, 1892, Richards dropped back apparently to try to drop kick for goal. But on the signal "cheese it," the Princeton line broke through the Yale line with great ease to block Richards' kick. Such, however, had been the intention on the part of the Yale line: Doc Beck dropped back of the line in exact time to get the ball thru over the heads of the charging Tigers, and without a Princeton man touching him, Beck rushed the ball over for a touchdown. The Princeton line, however, is said to be very tempting, and is one for which it is believed he is peculiarly fitted. The Detroit company employs from 4,000 to 6,000 men, and manufacturers axles for automobiles.

"Mr. Regan is a native of Seymour, in this state. He has been in Stamford for about 13 years. In his younger days he was well known as a baseball player. He was for some time a member of a Bridgeport team, and later organized and managed a semi-pro team that put Stamford upon the baseball map several years ago.

"About 13 years ago he entered the Yale & Towne factory as a tool-maker, but he did not work at the bench long before he was promoted. He took charge of the installation of the Taylor efficiency system, under Mr. Barth, in 1905, and for a while was superintendent of Department C-D. He was appointed in 1911, assistant to the general superintendent. The next year he was made superintendent of productive efficiency. In 1913 he was made assistant general superintendent of the works.

"After entering the local factory Mr. Regan took a course in mechanical and electrical engineering in Columbia University, and has been a close student of modern methods of management and efficiency. He has become recognized as an authority upon these subjects, and has delivered lectures on efficiency in some of the manufacturing towns. The offer from Detroit came to him unsought, and is in itself a substantial recognition of the reputation he has made in the industrial world.

"He is much attached to Stamford, and his relations with the officers and others of the Yale & Towne factory have been very pleasant, so that it was difficult for him to decide to leave here. His determination was due to the belief that his place here to fill is one in which his experience and his ideas will prove of much value."

Acorn A. C. Members
Put On Bouts Tonight

Tonight at the Acorn A. C. on Kearsouth street the following card of four bouts has been arranged by Matchmaker Slim Brennan:
Fred (Young) Bosse vs. Joe Bedell.
Willie Condon of Acorn A. C. vs. Red Allen of West End.
K. O. Moran vs. Johnny Duff.
Willie McLean of Acorn A. C. vs. Freddie Wolnitz of Battling Levisky's camp.

Thomas Connery, referee; Michael P. O'Connor, timer.

Crude oil was advanced 20 cents a barrel to \$1.25 at Thrall, Tex.

FREEMAN DECIDES NOT TO
SELL BRIDGEPORT BALL CLUB

Thinks He Can Recoup Losses If Coming Season Is Good As Predicted.

John H. Freeman, owner of the Bridgeport franchise in the Eastern association, has changed his mind about selling the club and retiring from baseball. Freeman has been hearing so much about the bright prospects for the coming season that he has decided he will stay in the game.

Freeman claims he lost considerable money in 1913 and 1914 in this city. He thinks the coming season will give him a chance to recoup his losses. His idea is to engage a high class manager who will provide a first class club for the fans. If Freeman decides to remain in the game, however, he must make up his mind to spend considerable money fixing Newfield park. The stands are in poor condition and extensive repairs must be made before the crowds will be induced to come out.

Neal Ball, the former Red Sox infielder who is a resident of this city, and Tommy Downey, the National League star, are the leading candidates for the manager's job.

Howard Drew, the colored sprinter, made a 3,000-mile journey from California to attend the Millrose A. C. games in New York last night. He equaled the world's indoor record by going 70 yards in 7 1-5 seconds. This record was first made by W. A. Schlick in 1903.

Now that the New York Americans have bought Joe Gedeon, the infielder who jumped from Washington, the Washington papers say Gedeon didn't amount to much, anyway.

YANKEE MAGNATE
VISITS BAKER TO
OFFER HIM TERMS

New York, Jan. 27.—Although Captain T. L. Huston of the Yankees went away on Monday, presumably to study under Manager Wilbert Robinson of the Brooklyn club at Robinson's place on the Chesapeake Bay, the principal reason for the trip was to visit "Home Run" Baker at his place in Troy, N. Y. It is expected that Huston will arrange for Baker to play with the Yankees next season. All the other clubs of the American league have withdrawn their offers for the only club bidding for him.

The Yankees, it is understood, have come to an agreement with Commissioner of the league and the price of his release is said to be \$25,000. It is now up to Baker himself to say whether he will play with the New Yorks.

Baker, it is said, wants a long-term contract, but the Yankees will not give him one for a period of years until he shows that he is still a good ball player.

HOLY NAME TEAMS IN
TWO CONTESTS TONIGHT

The schedule of the Holy Name basketball league calls for two games at St. John's hall, Jane and Pembroke streets, tonight. The Sacred Hearts and St. Marys will clash in the first game and the St. John's and St. Charles' clash in the final. There will be dancing after the second game.

SACRED HEARTS.	ST. MARYS.
Garity	Whelan
Doyle	R. F.
Hulton	L. F.
Rainville	C.
T. Marin	L. G.
St. Johns.	ST. CHARLES.
Liptak	McCarthy
Lucas	R. F.
Gartland	L. F.
Creedy	C.
Hudak	R. G.
	L. G.
	Hanbury

ANNIVERSARIES
OF RING BATTLES

1892.—Cal McCarthy defeated Tom Callaghan in 14 rounds at New Orleans. This glove contest was for \$2,000 and the white championship of the featherweight division. McCarthy, who hailed from Jersey City, laid claim to the featherweight championship of the world in 1891, when like Weir, Tommy Warren, Australian Billy Murphy and other leaders among the little fellows were slipping back, and he looked so good that his title claims were acknowledged in many quarters. Then a black shadow crossed his path, cast by George Dixon, who, having whipped all the bantamweights, was seeking other worlds to conquer.

McCarthy, who fought a 70-round draw in 1890, and met again in Troy, N. Y., early the following year, to do battle for the world's title and \$2,000 a side. That time Dixon won in 22 rounds, and became the acknowledged champion. Cal fought Tommy Warren, the former champion, in New Orleans in 1891, and won in 8 hours and 23 minutes, and the following year took on the aspiring Callaghan. McCarthy was game and clever, a master of footwork and headwork, but he succumbed to the lust of the white light.

1896.—Dan Creighton knocked out Jem Smith in 2nd round at London. Delegates representing more than 2,000,000 laborers pledged their support to the British government in carrying out the war, at a meeting at Bristol.

It is said that the American league will not stand for Hal Chase. The player who jumped so often may get a job in the National, but it is said he St. Louis Americans were prevented from getting the first baseman.

Hamilton K. Kerr, who won the Connecticut golf title in the tournament at Brooklawn last summer, defeated H. J. Topping of Greenwich at Hellair, Fla., yesterday by 5 up and 4 to play. This same pair met in the finals at Brooklawn.

The New York Americans tried to get Catcher Ivy Wingo from Cincinnati but there is little chance that he will be allowed to escape from the National league. The Boston Braves are trying to land him now.

It is said that Gilmour Dobie, who made a wonderful record as coach of the Washington State university football team, has been offered a job as the University of Wisconsin. Paul Withington, the old Harvard player, will be named director of athletics.

"By" Dickson has been selected as assistant to Coach Bob Folwell of the Pennsylvania football team. Folwell announced that he would hold spring practice as soon as the weather permits.

Danny Murphy, the old time Norwich player who afterward starred with the Athletics, has been offered \$2,000 a season to manage the Wheeling, W. Va., club. He has not yet decided whether to accept.

New York State League
a Venerable Institution

While the last season was the twentieth annual championship race of the New York State League under its present organization, that venerable circuit has a history which extends back much further than a score of annals. In fact, it will be a quarter of a century to-morrow since a meeting was held in Troy for the purpose of reorganizing the New York State League, which in common with so many other circuits, had fallen upon evil times during the Brotherhood war of 1890. The New York State League now ranks as the "daddy" of all existing minor league circuits, and has a long and honorable history.

Several of the cities of this class B circuit have in the past traveled in faster company, and two of them, Troy and Syracuse, were once on the major league map. Troy was the proud possessor of one of the crack clubs of America when professional baseball became established in 1870. And these old Trojan Haymakers could certainly play ball. The Collier City was represented in the National League. Syracuse lasted but one year, finishing eighth in the race. Troy stuck in the big show, losing, finishing fourth once, fifth another year, and in seventh place twice. In 1888 the Trojan club was transferred to New York, and the old Haymakers became the Giants. But the old Mickey Welch, Roger Connor and several other old-time stars made the trip from Troy to Gotham when the franchise was transferred.

Albany and Utica were in the National Association, launched in 1879, with major league aspirations. Syracuse was in the old International Association in '80 and won the pennant in 1881. When the Eastern League, the old International, was launched in 1892, five of the present State League cities were represented. These were Albany, Troy, Elmira, Utica and Binghamton, the latter being the dropped after the first year, and Albany, Binghamton and Troy lasted but two annals. The two Pennsylvania cities in the New York State circuit, Wilkesbarre and Scranton, were also in the Eastern for several years, the former from 1893 to 1898, and Scranton from 1894 to 1897. Syracuse was admitted to the Eastern in 1894 and remained until 1901, winning the flag in 1897. Since then these towns have had to be content with the class B ball served by the State League. Syracuse has long nourished the ambition to get back into the Barrow organization, but now that the war is over and the International has regained the Newark and Baltimore territory, there is little hope of a realization of this ambition.

In President John H. Farrell, long an official of the National Association of Minor Leagues, the New York State circuit has enjoyed the leadership of one of the ablest executives in baseball. There is probably not a better managed league in America than the York State, and while the 1915 season was not a financial success, the old league is likely to enjoy a prosperous season in 1916. Few cities in the smaller minors, with the exception of Worcester, Rockford, Ill., Hartford and Fort Wayne, can boast such a glorious baseball past as several of those represented in the New York League.

Atlas Cabaret Is
Closed; Proprietor
May Have New Hotel

James Atlas, proprietor of the hotel on Fairland avenue, bearing his name, for which a liquor license renewal was recently refused by the county commissioners, plans to erect a large hotel in the centre of the city for men only. If his appeal to the superior court fails.

The Hotel Atlas cabaret closed on Saturday night and Prof. Atlas, sole proprietor for the Farmer, that he would never reopen it in any location. He has been negotiating for a site nearer Main street.

Bridgeport had more cases of diphtheria during December than any city in the state. There are 31 on record.

COMMISSION MAY
PREVENT WILLARD
AND MORAN BOUT

New York, Jan. 27.—It's better than an even chance that the Boxing Commission will step in and prohibit the staging of the proposed bout between Jess Willard and Frank Moran in this State. Fred Wenck, chairman of the commission, yesterday came out as unalterably opposed to the bout, and it will require only one more vote to put the kibosh on the proposition. Frank Dwyer is said to be against the bout, too.

Wenck agreed with the sentiments printed last week, that a bout between Willard and Moran would jeopardize the welfare of boxing in New York. Both boxers are of the wildest variety and it would take them about six rounds to get started. Even then it is problematical whether there would be any action, for it would be the best financial interest of both contestants to "save" each other for another and longer bout to a decision.

Owing to the fabulous guarantees assured the champion and the challenge the prices would have to be in keeping. The Mike Gibbons-Packey McFarland fiasco dealt boxing here a terrific body blow, and any venture that holds out the slightest chance of a repetition of the Brighton Beach hipodrome should be stopped. Wenck concurs in this opinion.

Even if the Boxing Commission takes no action the proposed bout is not likely to be fought in this State, for the fans appear to have soured on it owing to the squabbling among the managers and promoters and the ridiculous offers.

WHITTED TO QUIT
PHILLIES UNLESS
HE'S GIVEN RAISE

Durham, N. C., Jan. 27.—George Whitted, one of the champion baseball players of the Philadelphia Nationals, and who makes his home here, has outlasted himself from professional baseball until a raise in salary is forthcoming. He has received his contract for 1916, but refuses to budge a peg unless the managers agree to pay him more money. The contract specifies the same salary as of 1915. The manager was returned with the request for a liberal raise.

That the raise will be forthcoming is the confident belief of the Durham boy. He anticipates as much and expects that he will go with the Philadelphia aggregation when the team goes into camp at St. Petersburg, Fla., on the second Monday in March. Rabbit, and his hunting, has been the favorite pastime of the star during the winter months. Additional recreation has been obtained from auto trips through the South and the old Trojan Haymakers of the Richmond International club, the latter is playing for the movies in Florida.

Chess Champion At
Y. M. C. A. Tomorrow

M. D. Hago, champion chess player of New England, will be at the Bridgeport Y. M. C. A. tomorrow night to give a chess exhibition, in which he hopes to meet two or more opponents at one time. Hago has issued a challenge to all comers and, while it was learned definitely only last night that he is coming to Bridgeport so soon, it is hoped that a sufficient number of the best local players will array themselves against the champion to make the occasion interesting to both the spectators and for the champion himself.

George M. Baxter
Is Ousted From
Defense Society

George M. Baxter was dropped yesterday as financial secretary of the American Defense League. His usefulness ceased with the revelation that he was a leading spirit in a coterie known as "The Boys," which met at Waldorf lobby headquarters a few years ago.

The American Defense League numbers men of prominence on its committees. On the advisory board are Theodore Roosevelt, former Ambassador David Jayne Hill, Perry Belmont, Charles J. Bonaparte and others of high standing. The organization's objects are to promote the cause of national defense.

Baxter until yesterday was in charge of the field secretaries who collected the funds. His compensation, according to the understanding of Philip Roosevelt, a cousin of the former President, was \$150 a week and 10 per cent. commission on collections. He was very successful in raising funds.

Karl Lange Elected
President of Central
Union in Bridgeport

Karl Lange was elected president of the Bridgeport Central Labor union last night, William Dungan, vice president; John Raucher, recording secretary; Jacob Reichel, financial secretary; Mrs. Nellie Chase, treasurer; John McGuire, sergeant-at-arms.

The annual parish meeting of the Park Street Congregational church, was held last evening. Dr. Gerald Board addressed the meeting.